

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4-38 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3 and 39-57 were previously canceled. Claims 9, 29 and 31 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Applicant notes that while the Examiner has designated independent claims 4 and 34 and dependent claims 5-28 and 35-37 as being objected to, these claims were not subject to any specific objection or rejection in the Office Action. Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that claims 4-28 and 34-37 are allowable and in condition for allowance.

Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form and amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 as originally presented. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that because claim 9 has the same scope as it did when the Examiner objected to the claim without rejection, claim 9 is allowable and in condition for allowance. (See Office Action Summary.) Applicant has also amended dependent claims 29 and 31 to depend from claim 9.

Claims 10-33 depend from claim 9 directly or indirectly and add further limitations. It is respectfully submitted that these dependent claims are allowable by reason of depending from an allowable claim as well as for adding new limitations.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Ronald O. Neerings, Applicant's Attorney, at 972-917-5299 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees due, or credit any overpayment to, Deposit Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

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